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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

24 August 16, 2011

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FISCAL YEAR 2011-12 ANNUAL BUDGET (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 4, AND 5) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This action is to authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee to approve the Watershed Conservation Authority's annual budget for Fiscal Year 2011-12 to continue the development and implementation of projects that enhance flood protection and water conservation while also providing open space and recreational opportunities within the San Gabriel River and Lower Los Angeles River Watersheds and to pay \$25,500 to the Watershed Conservation Authority.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:

1. Approve the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Budget for the Watershed Conservation Authority.
2. Authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee to pay \$25,500 to the Watershed Conservation Authority.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) is a joint powers agency comprised of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD). The purpose of the recommended actions is to approve the WCA's annual budget for Fiscal Year 2011-12 (Exhibit A) and approve the LACFCD's annual

contribution to the WCA in order to provide funding for the continuation of all WCA projects. Your Board's approval will allow the WCA to commence receipt and disbursements of funds in conformance with the adopted budget.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) by collaborating cross jurisdictionally and developing a partnership to effectively manage and leverage our resources.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The proposed projects and other expenditures identified in the enclosed budget will be funded by Propositions 40, 50, and 84 grants awarded to the WCA by the RMC. Approval of the budget will enable the WCA to commence and continue implementing projects of mutual interest to the LACFCD and RMC.

The Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA) previously approved between the LACFCD and RMC as described in more detail below, provides for both parties to make contributions to the WCA. The value of the LACFCD's contribution shall not exceed \$25,000 in any fiscal year, plus \$500 per annum to cover the costs of mailing notices and other required expenditures. Sufficient funds to cover the LACFCD's contribution are included in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Flood Control District Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On April 1, 2003, Synopsis 34, your Board approved a JPA between the LACFCD and the RMC to create the WCA. Creation of the WCA was authorized pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act under Government Code, Section 6500, et. seq. The role of the WCA is to facilitate the development and implementation of a comprehensive program to improve open space and recreational opportunities within the San Gabriel River and Lower Los Angeles River Watersheds that are consistent with the goals of flood protection, water supply, groundwater recharge, and water conservation. The WCA is also empowered to acquire and protect lands for watershed protection, conservation, natural open space, and recreational purposes.

On August 31, 2010, your Board approved an amendment to the JPA. The amendment involved the following: (1) reducing the number of voting members on the governing board from eight to seven; (2) reducing the number of board members appointed by the RMC from four to three; (3) requiring that the governing board elect a chair and a vice-chair from the board members appointed by the LACFCD; (4) assigning responsibility to the chair for the appointment of all WCA employees involved in accounting, fiscal, or financial management of the WCA; (5) assigning responsibility to the chair for the fiscal administration of all grants or contracts between the WCA and the RMC; and (6) increasing the RMC's annual contribution limit from \$35,000 to \$50,000.

The JPA entered into by the LACFCD and the RMC contains several terms and conditions regarding fiscal controls over expenditures of public funds. The WCA is required to adopt an annual budget in a form approved by the LACFCD and RMC. The WCA may only disburse funds pursuant to a budget that has been adopted by the WCA and approved by your Board and the governing board of the RMC.

The WCA budget for Fiscal Year 2011-12 has been approved by the governing boards of both the RMC and WCA. Copies of the RMC and WCA resolutions are enclosed (Resolution Nos. 2011-20 and 2011-21, respectively).

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The approval of the WCA's annual budget is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is an activity that is excluded from the definition of a project by Section 15378(b) of the CEQA Guidelines. This proposed action is a fiscal activity that does not involve any commitment to a specific project, which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The project will not have an impact on current services or projects currently planned. The LACFCD will gain benefit from this action through the sustained operation of the WCA, the continued partnership with the RMC in developing projects of mutual interest, and increasing its ability to approve the distribution of funding. There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the recommended actions.

CONCLUSION

Please return four adopted copies of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Watershed Management Division.

Respectfully submitted,



GAIL FARBER
Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office

Exhibit A
WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
FINAL FY 2011/2012 BUDGET

Date of Report: July 11, 2011
Report: Total Revenues & Expenses

Item	FY 10/11 Budget	Changes	Final FY 11/12 Budget	Comments
REVENUES				
<i>Administration</i>				
LA County Flood Control District	\$ 25,000	\$	\$ 25,000	
RMC	\$ 10,000	\$	\$ 10,000	
Carryover	\$ 16,741	\$ (14,741)	\$ 2,000	
<i>Administration Subtotal</i>	<i>\$ 51,741</i>	<i>\$ (14,741)</i>	<i>\$ 37,000</i>	
<i>Operations</i>				
Duck Farm Leases	\$ 142,340	\$ (14,508)	\$ 127,832	@90% due to tenant turnover; less lease revenue last qtr
River Wilderness Park Leases	\$ 83,503	\$ (1,771)	\$ 81,732	Includes RMC lease; eliminated SGRDCA lease
South Gate Riparian Park Lease	\$ 23,500	\$ 8,500	\$ 32,000	Increased per lease agreement terms
Citations	\$ 13,000	\$	\$ 13,000	
Carryover	\$ 8,259	\$ (4,059)	\$ 4,200	
<i>Operations Subtotal</i>	<i>\$ 270,602</i>	<i>\$ (11,838)</i>	<i>\$ 258,764</i>	
<i>Capital Outlay</i>				
RMC	\$ 3,721,090	\$ (1,040,727)	\$ 2,680,362	
LACFCD	\$ 31,929	\$ 168,071	\$ 200,000	
SEP Funds	\$ 30,661	\$ (30,661)	\$	
Local Funds	\$ 160,320	\$ 1,639,680	\$ 1,800,000	
Other	\$ 66,210	\$ (34,126)	\$ 32,084	SGRDCA contract for PM support (reduced to 10 hrs/week)
<i>Capital Outlay Subtotal</i>	<i>\$ 4,010,210</i>	<i>\$ 702,236</i>	<i>\$ 4,712,446</i>	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 4,332,553	\$ 675,657	\$ 5,008,210	
EXPENSES				
<i>Administration</i>				
Insurance Board of Directors	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,500	Increased due to EPLI coverage added FY 10/11
Office Supplies	\$ 526	\$ (176)	\$ 350	
Postage	\$ 700	\$ (200)	\$ 500	
Printer Supplies	\$ 500	\$	\$ 500	
Professional Services				
Cost Allocation Plan Consulting	\$	\$ 7,317	\$ 7,317	Estimated cost to update CAP based on FY 10/11 actuals
Financial Compliance Audit	\$ 75,000	\$ (70,892)	\$ 4,109	Per the Auditor-Controller's Office
Fiscal Services Auditor-Controller	\$	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	A/C estimated \$57,000 plus \$3,000 for required reporting
Funding Opportunities	\$	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000	
Insurance Bond	\$ 250	\$	\$ 250	
Information Technologies	\$ 1,587	\$ 3,413	\$ 5,000	
Legal	\$	\$	\$	
Strategic Planning	\$ 24,000	\$	\$ 24,000	
Grant Writing	\$ 4,995	\$ 5,005	\$ 10,000	
Wireless Phones	\$ 4,800	\$ (1,800)	\$ 3,000	
<i>Administration Subtotal</i>	<i>\$ 114,858</i>	<i>\$ 28,668</i>	<i>\$ 143,526</i>	
<i>Personnel</i>				
Salaries	\$ 277,545	\$ 26,050	\$ 303,595	5 FT Employees, 1 PT Employee, 1 Limited Term Employee
Benefits	\$ 83,263	\$ 7,815	\$ 91,078	Health & Life Insurance, 457(b) contributions & fees, WC
Personnel Services	\$ 1,447	\$ 164	\$ 1,610	HR & Payroll Administration
Travel	\$ 12,000	\$ (3,600)	\$ 8,400	
Miscellaneous (Training, etc.)	\$ 5,000	\$	\$ 5,000	
<i>Personnel Subtotal</i>	<i>\$ 379,254</i>	<i>\$ 30,429</i>	<i>\$ 409,684</i>	
<i>Operations</i>				
Alarm Services	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,360	\$ 3,360	
Insurance Liability & Structure	\$ 16,300	\$ (4,650)	\$ 11,650	
Insurance Umbrella Policy	\$ 5,000	\$ (1,000)	\$ 4,000	
Janitorial Services	\$ 16,800	\$ (556)	\$ 16,244	
Minor Repairs	\$ 17,825	\$ 675	\$ 18,500	
Misc. Lease Services	\$ 5,000	\$ (3,000)	\$ 2,000	
Ranger Patrol Services	\$ 79,400	\$ 8,600	\$ 88,000	

WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
FINAL FY 2011/2012 BUDGET

Date of Report: July 11, 2011
Report: Total Revenues & Expenses

Item	FY 10/11 Budget	Changes	Final FY 11/12 Budget	Comments
Utilities	\$ 40,523	\$ 5,660	\$ 46,183	
Weed Abatement	\$ 10,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 30,000	
Deferred Maintenance Contingency	\$ 22,584	\$ (4,541)	\$ 18,043	
Transfer to Other Properties	\$ 17,047	\$ 16,146	\$ 33,193	
<i>Operations Subtotal</i>	<i>\$ 232,479</i>	<i>\$ 38,694</i>	<i>\$ 271,174</i>	
<i>Capital Carryover</i>				
RMC Grants	\$ 3,383,051	\$ (1,112,372)	\$ 2,270,679	After Personnel Expenses
LACFCD	\$ 31,929	\$ 168,071	\$ 200,000	
SEP Funds	\$ 30,661	\$ (30,661)	\$	
Local Funds	\$ 160,320	\$ 1,552,828	\$ 1,713,148	
Other	\$ -	\$	\$	
<i>Capital Carryover Subtotal</i>	<i>\$ 3,605,961</i>	<i>\$ 577,866</i>	<i>\$ 4,183,827</i>	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 4,332,553	\$ 675,657	\$ 5,008,210	

July 25, 2011 - Item 11

RESOLUTION NO 2011-20

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS
ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC)
APPROVING THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
FY 2011/12 FINAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, the RMC is a state agency created to acquire and manage public lands within the Lower Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River watersheds, and to provide open space, low impact recreational and educational uses, water conservation, watershed improvement and wildlife and habitat restoration and protection; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District ("DISTRICT"), is a flood control district, whose purpose is to provide for the control and conservation of the flood, storm and other waste waters of said district, to conserve such waters for beneficial and useful purposes and to protect from damage from such flood or storm waters, the harbors, waterways, public highways and property; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of both the RMC and the DISTRICT to provide for a comprehensive program to expand and improve the open space and recreational opportunities for the conservation, restoration and environmental enhancement of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Watershed area consistent with the goals of flood protection, water supply, groundwater recharge and water conservation; and

WHEREAS, The Watershed Conservation Authority has been established as a joint powers agency between the RMC and the District to implement projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects in both the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed; and

WHEREAS, The RMC must give an annual contribution, and

WHEREAS, The RMC must approve WCA's budget; and

WHEREAS, This action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and NOW

Therefore be it resolved, that the RMC hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Act and is necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. ADOPTS the staff report dated July 25, 2011
4. APPROVES the annual contribution to the Watershed Conservation Authority in the


Resolution 2011-20

amount of \$10,000.

- 5 APPROVES the Watershed Conservation Authority FY 2011/12 final budget.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY on July 25, 2011

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Colonna", written over a horizontal line.

Frank Colonna, Chair

July 28, 2011 - Item 9

RESOLUTION 2011- 21

RESOLUTION OF THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION
AUTHORITY APPROVING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR
2011/12

WHEREAS, The Watershed Conservation Authority has been established as a joint powers agency between the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (District), and

WHEREAS, the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) has further been established to focus on projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects in both the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed, and

WHEREAS, this action will authorize approval of the Watershed Conservation Authority final budget Fiscal Year 2011/12, and

WHEREAS, the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, NOW

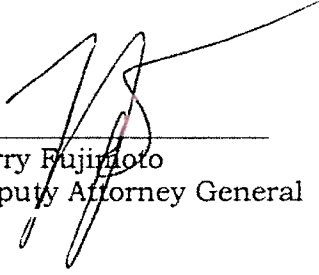
Therefore be it resolved that the WCA hereby

- 1 FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
- 2 ADOPTS the staff report dated July 28, 2011
- 3 APPROVES the Watershed Conservation Authority final budget FY 2011/12

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
On July 28, 2011

ATTEST


Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General


Teresa Villegas, Chair